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October, 1966.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health and Vital Statistics of the District for the year 1965.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

SYLVIA MACMILLAN.

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Statistics and Social Circumstances of the Area

Area (acres)	2,683
Registrar General's estimate of resident population ...	3,320
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1965) according to	
Rate Book	1,446
Rateable Value	£127,101
Sum represented by a penny rate	£495

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The district is the western portion of Mersea Island which lies between the estuaries of the rivers Blackwater and Colne. The nearest town is Colchester, situated about 9½ miles to the north.

As a summer health resort, it attracts a large number of holiday makers, many of whom enjoy some excellent sailing.

The main industries are agriculture, fishing, building and yacht building, etc.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

					<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Live Births	All	...	...	...	20	33	53
	Legitimate	...	...	...	16	29	45
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	4	4	8
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.9
Comparability Factor	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.32
Corrected Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.98
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.0
Still Births	All	...	...	...	0	0	0
	Legitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
					<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Infant deaths	All	...	...	...	0	1	1
	Legitimate	...	...	...	0	1	1
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	0	0	0
In 1st week: All	...	...	...	...	0	1	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.9
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Infant mortality rate, England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	19.0
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.9
Early neonatal mortality rate (1st week) per 1,000 related births	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.9
Perinatal mortality rate (still births plus deaths during 1st week per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.9
Percentage of illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	15%

					<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Maternal deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Maternal mortality rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Deaths	...	...	...	...	30	21	51
Death rate per 1,000 resident population	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.4
Corrected death rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.2
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.5
Comparability Factor	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.66

Causes of death at different periods of life during 1965

<i>Cause of Death</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Total Under</i>				<i>AGE IN YEARS</i>				
		<i>All</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Under</i>						<i>75 and</i>
		<i>Ages</i>	<i>weeks</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>1-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55-64</i>	<i>65-74</i>		<i>over</i>
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	3	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	
Stomach	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Breast	F	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
Other Malignant &	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
Lymphatic neoplasms	F	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	
Diabetes	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Vascular lesions of	M	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	
Nervous system	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Coronary Disease,	M	4	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	
Angina	F	5	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	
Hypertension with	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Heart disease	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Other Heart disease	M	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Pneumonia	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Bronchitis	M	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ulcer of Stomach	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
and Duodenum	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other defined and ill-	M	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	
defined diseases	F	3	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	
Motor Vehicle	M	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	
Accidents	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
All other accidents	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	F	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	30	—	—	2	2	4	6	16	
	F	21	1	—	—	2	5	2	11	

National Assistance Acts, 1948-51

No Action taken under these acts.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority

Medical Officer of Health—Sylvia Macmillan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S., D.H.P. Part-time, devoting the remainder of time to two neighbouring authorities and to the County Council.

Public Health Inspector—E. J. Banner, M.Inst., H.E., A.R.San.I. Full-time, also Surveyor to the Council.

Laboratory Facilities

The Laboratories available are situated at:

The Essex County Hospital, Colchester.

The Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich.

The Counties Laboratory, 66 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

Ambulance

Non-emergency ambulance calls are not accepted from the general public.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency it is merely necessary to lift the telephone receiver and ask for an ambulance. If there is a dialling system in operation dial "999" or "O" or "O1" and ask for an ambulance.

Health Services provided by the Essex County Council

Ante-natal and post-natal clinics.

Midwives.

Nursing in the Home.

Health visiting.

Home Helps.

Vaccination and diphtheria immunisation.

Mental Welfare.

Provision of nursing equipment and apparatus.

School health services.

Ante-natal and post-natal clinics are held at the Health Services Clinic, Culver Street, Colchester at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at the Church Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month at 2.15 p.m. High Street North.

Welfare Foods are obtainable from: —

Mersea Stores, Yorick Road, West Mersea.

Assistance from the Home Help Services is obtained by communicating with the Area Organiser, Area Office, Trinity Street, Colchester. (Telephone: Colchester 6251, Ext. 3.)

Health Services provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Tuberculosis—The Chest Clinic is situated at St. Mary's Hospital, Colchester, and is open daily.

V.D.—Sessions held at the Essex County Hospital on Mondays, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for males and females, and Fridays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for males and females.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

W A T E R

The water supplies in the district have been under the control of the Colchester and District Water Board since the 1st April, 1961 and water is supplied direct from the Board's sources which are outside the district.

Premises connected to water mains

The number of houses supplied from the water mains is	1405
The number of houses supplied from standpipes (with an approximate population of 60)	49
The number of houses connected to water mains during the year was	55

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Inspections

Houses visited under Housing Acts	72
Visits under Public Health Acts	12
Butchers' Shops visited	9
Fried fish Shops visited	5
Ice cream Stores visited	17
Bakehouses visited	5
Visits under Factory Acts	16
Moveable dwellings and Caravan Sites visited	8
Dairies visited	5
Visits under Offices and Shops Acts	35

Notices

Statutory Notices served, Public Health Acts	Nil
Informal Notices served, Public Health Acts	3
Informal Notices complied with	3
Demolition Orders issued	2
Closing Orders issued	Nil

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Fifty-four houses were connected to sewers during the year.

HOUSING

The Houses in the district are mostly owner-occupied and are consequently kept in a good state of repair. There is no slum property but action under the Housing Acts is occasionally necessary.

Repairs at No. 1 The Lawns, Mill Road which were commenced the previous year subject to an undertaking under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 were completed.

Demolition orders were served on two small wood bungalows on the Going Estate, Kingsland Road. An appeal was lodged in the case of one and the demolition of the other had not commenced at the end of the year.

Seven applications were approved for Standard Grants under the House Purchase and Housing Acts 1959 and 1964 and ten such grants were recommended for payment where the work of providing standard amenities had been carried out.

Fifty-five Houses were built by private enterprise.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Refuse is disposed of at the Colchester Borough's controlled tip at Shrub End.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Measles: 56; Whooping Cough: 4.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the district, and requirements are adequately met by slaughterhouses in Colchester.

The number of food premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act are: —

Meat Products ...	...	...	3
Ice Cream premises ...	...	...	24 (sale only)

No food was voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

MOSQUITO NUISANCE

Known breeding places of mosquitoes were treated at intervals throughout the breeding season.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	16
Cases in which defects were found	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

OUTWORK

<i>Number of outworkers in August List required by Section 110 (i) (c)</i>	<i>Irregularities Sect. 110</i>	<i>Irregularities Sect. 111</i>
Nil	—	—



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